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International application No. PCT/JP2005/001751	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 07 February 2005 (07.02.2005)	Priority date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 09 February 2004 (09.02.2004)	
International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237			
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If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.I(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement	
1. Statement		
Novelty (N)	Claims	1 - 6
	Claims	_____
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	_____
	Claims	1 - 6
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1 - 6
	Claims	_____

2. Citations and explanations:

Document 1: JP 2002-221608 A (Daicel Chemical Industries, Ltd.), 09 August 2002, Full text, all drawings

Document 2: JP 11-223812 A (Canon Inc.), 17 August 1999, Full text, all drawings

Document 3: JP 2001-305335 A (Sumitomo Chemical Co., Ltd.), 31 October 2001, Full text, all drawings

Claims 1-6

The inventions of claims 1-6 do not appear to involve an inventive step based on document 1-3 cited in the ISR.

Document 1 (in particular, Par. Nos. 0020, 0022, 0035-0036, 0062) describes a backlight device for a liquid-crystal display comprising a light scattering plate in which methyl methacrylate and styrene are combined at a weight ratio of 30 : 70 – 70 : 30.

Document 2 (in particular, Par. Nos. 0030-0032) describes a backlight device for a liquid-crystal display comprising a light scattering plate from a material with low hygroscopicity.

Document 3 (in particular Par. Nos. 0009-0012, 0018) describes a backlight device for a liquid-crystal display comprising a light scattering plate comprising a combination of methyl methacrylate and styrene and a UV absorbing agent.

Here, according to Fig. 2 of the present application, the light scattering plate of the invention described in document 1 apparently satisfies the relationship between the saturation hygroscopicity and color difference of the invention described in claim 1.

Furthermore, creating the invention described in claim 1 by introducing a UV absorbing agent and reducing the color difference as in the invention described in document 3 by using a material with a low saturation hygroscopicity could have easily been conceived of by a person skilled in the art.

With respect to the invention described in claim 4, document 3 (in particular Par. No. 0027) can be referred to, and with respect to the inventions described in claims 5-6, a reference can be made to using a cold cathode tube of a high-brightness type as a light source in the invention described in document 3 (in particular Par. No. 0004).

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Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:

Claims 4-6 represent a range of multiple dependent claims described by using other multiple dependent claims (for example, claim 3). Therefore, the claims are not described according to PCT Rule 6.4(a).